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SUBJECT: BRAZILIAN NUCLEAR POWER PROGRAM

1. HEINEMANN, BIRNBAUM AND OTHER VISITING WESTINGHOUSE REPRESENTATIVES MET WITH SCIATT JAN. 27 TO REVIEW STATUS OF GOB DECISIONS ON SUBJECT. AS OF THAT DATE WESTINGHOUSE HAD NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN ARRANGING MEETING WITH MINISTER UEKI. THEIR SPECULATION WAS THAT ISSUE (WHICH HE DECLINED TO SPECIFY) LARGER THAN ASSURED SUPPLY OF ENRICHED URANIUM OR INDEPENDENT ENRICHMENT CAPABILITY WAS BEHIND APPARENT LACK OF GOB INTEREST IN FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS WITH WESTINGHOUSE AND USG ON TRANSFER OF NUCLEAR COMPONENTS AND TECHNOLOGY.

2. GE REPRESENTATIVE CARTWRIGHT FROM NUCLEAR DIVISION SAN JOSE AND SUCKAU FROM LOCAL OFFICE VISITED SCIATT ON JAN. 28 TO DISCUSS MEETING THEY HAD WITH UEKI ON JAN. 27. MEETING DEVELOPED FROM ENCOURAGEMENT BY UEKI LAST OCTOBER FOR GE TO PREPARE PROPOSAL. GE REPS STATED THEY DISCUSSED APPROACH AND GENERAL
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CONDITION FOR SALE OF REACTOR COMPONENTS AND

TRANSFER OF OTHER NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY AND DELIVERED
LETTER TO UEKI. HIS RESPONSE STATED TO BE CAUTIOUSLY
RECEPTIVE ALTHOUGH HE AGAIN RAISED QUESTION OF
ENRICHED URANIUM SUPPLY AND CAPABILITY.

3. GE ADVISED UEKI THAT SOME U.S. UTILITIES
HOLDING FIRM ENRICHMENT CONTRACTS MAY HAVE EXCESS
SUPPLIES AND BE OFFERING TO TRANSFER THESE CONTRACTS
TO OTHER PARTIES. UEKI APPEARED VERY INTERESTED AND
RAISED TWO QUESTIONS WHICH GE WILL PURSUE IN
WASHINGTON: (A) IF USE MIXED OXIDE (PLUTONIUM
RECYCLE) FUEL IS NOT APPROVED BY MID-1975, WHAT WILL
BE STATUS OF CONDITIONAL ENRICHMENT CONTRACTS?
(B) IF HOLDER OF CONDITIONAL CONTRACT WERE ABLE TO
OBTAIN FIRM CONTRACT THROUGH TRANSFER FROM PRESENT
HOLDER, WOULD PENALTIES BE APPLIED ON CANCELLATION OF
CONDITIONAL CONTRACT?

4. CONGEN WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING OF ERDA REPLIES
TO QUESTIONS ALSO.
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